



Hybrid DREAM Event 2 Feb 2022

TVETs: establishing a consortium for a demand-oriented skill program in support of lowland development

Backdrop

The upcoming hybrid DREAM on 2 February 2022 will discuss capacity building at vocational level for Ethiopia's lowlands.

On 15 December 2021 the preceding DREAM event discussed how on-demand courses offered by three TVETs in the Ethiopian Lowlands can contribute to creating employment opportunities for young people who otherwise would likely be jobless and disenchanted. A general conclusion is that the potential demand for such vocational training is high for many aspects of lowland development. It is important however to make sure trainees are well-equipped with organizational and business skills in addition to the vocational skills.

This event will take place in Semera, Jijjiga and on-line. It will take stock of the needs for skilled technicians, male and female, in the lowland development plans. In the earlier event it was also recommended to make a systematic connection with on-going development programs in the lowlands and to bring together a consortium of parties that would support and help institutionalize capacity building at vocational level. Such a consortium could connect the capacity building with ongoing programs, articulate demand for different types of skills and offer support in sponsoring trainees or providing internship opportunities and in making guest teachers available.

The hybrid event will discuss the scope of such collaboration around vocational education in the lowlands: what would be the scope and nature of such cooperation. The DREAM event will also take stock of recent experiences of alumni students on the labour market.

Final program

- 0930-0940: Introduction
- 0940-0955: Key note speech – The importance of skill development and employability in the lowlands: is there scope for a consortium to support this? – Tezera Getahun, Pastoralist Forum Ethiopia
- 0955-1015: Video: Testimonials of alumni from the mason, dry stone measure, nursery training at three colleges (Adale, Gewane, Gode) bottlenecks and opportunities
- 1015-1025: What are the opportunities and needs for skilled technicians in lowland development? Short plenary reactions
- 1025-1040: Reflection from Regional Governments – Afar and Somali Region (Bureau of Education/ Bureau of Agriculture)
- 1040-1055: Reflection from Ministry of Agriculture. Ministry of Irrigation and Lowlands (Tezera Getahun)
- 1055-1110: Reflection from lowland development program managers (LLRP, PSNP)
- 1110-1155: Group discussion (Jigjiga, Semera, online):
- What are the opportunities and needs for skilled technicians in lowland development
 - How do we go forward and organize
 - Who may fund, funding arrangements
- 1155-1230: Presentation, discussion and wrap-up